[Shri Vithalbhai M. Patel]

Electricity Board that the gas would be supplied to the proposed Pipavav gas based power project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has written to the Chief Minister of Gujarat to expedite the proposed Pipavav Power Project so that gas could be provided;

(c) what is the quantity demanded by the Gujarat Electricity Board of gas for Pipavav Power Project; and

(d) whether Government propose to supply gas to Pipavav gas-based power project when it is ready?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A decision had been taken in principle to allocate gas for the proposed Pipavav Power Project, subject to development of Tapti Offshore fields.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) 2.25 MMSCMD for Stage 1 of the project.

(d) The matter regarding development and utilisation of gas in the Tapti Offshore fields is at present being considered.

Selection of Persons for Management Training

1050. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons sent for management training abroad by the Bharat Petroleum Corporation;

(b) what are the criteria for sending the people for management training abroad;

(c) whether I.T.S. Director, London has made any complaint about the selected persons; and

(d) the number of schedule caste and scheduled tribe persons from the Bharat Petroleum Corporation sent for training abroad during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 1989—21

1990—32

1991—15

(b) As reported by BPC, staff are sent abroad on training on a selective basis essentially to develop their effectiveness in management. The selection for training abroad is also done under the Colombo Plan, selection for which is made by Department of Public Enterprises in consultation with British Counsel.

(c) No such complaint has been received by BPC.

(d) 1989 — Nil

1990 — 3

1991 — 2

Departmental Promotion in the Railways Catering Department

1051. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Bearers in the Northern Railways Catering Department who have passed the Higher Secondary Examination of Delhi Board and have put in more than 10 years' service, are still in the same post;

(b) if so, what are the avenues for promotion of these Class-IV employees to Class-III;

(c) whether any quota of Departmental promotion of these employees has been fixed, if so, the details thereof and it not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to improve the service career prospects of those employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.